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Appendix II.

[Vide answer to question No. 1109 asked by Mr. K. V. R. Swami at th meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th January 1929, page 24 supra.]

Letter from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 1st December 1927, No. 67/27-C-3.

[*Reference.*—Government Memorandum No. 12893-D/27-1, dated 29th August 1927.]

[Reservoir across Seethapalli vagu above Ramayyapetta village—Investigation.]

The Superintending Engineer, Waltair Circle, brings to notice that the investigation of the above scheme has not yet been completed as the two overseers sanctioned in G.O. No. 1919 I., dated 9th December 1926, did not work for the full period of three months sanctioned on account of rains. It is reported that one of them worked for one and a half months and the other for two months and four days and that it is not possible to complete the investigation within the remaining period of sanction.

A copy of the Subdivisional Officer's letter No. 711-E., dated 29th July 1927, which gives the details of the work already done and yet to be done is sent herewith.

2. In the above circumstances, the Superintending Engineer requests sanction to the entertainment of 2 overseers and 14 lascars for a period of four months (1st February to the end of May 1928) to complete the work. I recommend the Superintending Engineer's proposal.

3. *Funds.*—The extra cost during the current year will be met from the existing provision under "41. e. Civil Works—Provincial—Transferred—Establishment." The cost of the establishment for 1928–29 will be debited to the head "15. Other Revenue expenditure financed from ordinary revenues—Miscellaneous expenditure—Establishment" with reference to G.O. No. 2508 I., dated 1st November 1927.

Enclosure

Letter from the Subdivisional Officer, Rajahmundry, to the Executive Engineer, Godavari Northern Division, Dowlaishweram, dated 29th July 1927, No. 711-E.

[Preliminary expenses in connexion with the proposed investigation of the Project—Reservoir of Seethapalli vagu above Ramanayapetta village.]

The works so far done are—

(1) A site survey of the proposed dam site with spot levels.

(2) A contour along 280 taking the bed level of the vagu at the dam site to be 8,000 has been taken up to 10,000 feet on the left side and 15,000 feet on the right side commencing from the dam site.

(3) A dozen of trial borings on the left side of the vagu at the dam site.

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The dam site is at 9/6-7 of the Chodavaram-Devipatnam Road and from the fly levels already recorded in L-F, Book 236, pages 80 to 93, by the Tank Restoration Scheme Division Party, it is seen that the contour 280 will touch the C-B road between 5/5 and 5/6 and the bed of Seethapalli vagu opposite Mosurumille a village near 4/5-6 of C-B road. The contour has to go traversing the course of Korrigedda near Velagapalli for some distance and then meet Seethapalli vagu near Mosurumille. The whole traverse of the contour will be about 15 miles of which only a distance of 4½ miles has, by now, been finished. To do this 4½ miles, it has taken 2 overseers for 6 weeks and 1 for 3 weeks, i.e., a total of 15 weeks' work of an overseer. The sanctioned period is 3 months for 2 overseers or the work of 24 weeks of 1 overseer.

The minimum works that have still to be done are (1) to finish up the contour and take at least four cross sections, (2) boring operations in the sandy bed of the vagu and (3) digging trenches on either slopes to expose the rocky surface. The contour and cross sections have to be taken after clearing away thick thorny jungles at most of the places and this naturally takes much time. The 9 weeks work of an overseer still left under the existing sanction is quite insufficient. It will take at least four months more for 2 overseers to finish the taking of contour and cross sections. During that period the boring operations and digging of trenches will also be completed.

Till now, apart from the establishment charges paid for the pay and travelling allowance of the overseers and pay of the boring maistri and lascars employed, the expenditure incurred by me is Rs. 180 detailed as follows :—

	RS.
(1) For boring operations, etc.	50
(2) For clearing jungle	130
Total ...	180

Since suitable boring tools are not available I propose to indent for a complete 4 inches set from the Industries Department. The charges of hire and working for a couple of months will come to Rs. 400. The Industries Department will send their own maistri free of any further charge apart from the hire.

I am submitting herewith a revised estimate for Rs. 1,280 explaining the circumstances necessitating the revision in the report, for favour of an early sanction.

Further, I request that Government sanction may be obtained for retaining the services of 2 overseers and 14 lascars for a further period of four months. The work has to be resumed in the month of February 1928 in order to get the maximum outturn possible. A grant of Rs. 480 under 15-A. Irrigation—Mino may kindly be applied for 1927–28.